

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
05/18/09 Monday.....	2 Samuel.....01-02	Psalm.....44-45
05/19/09 Tuesday.....	2 Samuel.....03-04	Psalm.....46-47
05/20/09 Wednesday.....	2 Samuel.....05-06	Psalm.....48-49
05/21/09 Thursday.....	2 Samuel.....07-08	Psalm.....50-51
05/22/09 Friday.....	2 Samuel.....09-10	Psalm.....52-53
05/23/09 Saturday.....	2 Samuel.....11-12	Psalm.....54-55
05/24/09 Sunday.....	2 Samuel.....13-14	Psalm.....56-57

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### TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00  
 Ladies Bible Class 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

### OUR PLEA:

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## PATIENCE

Louis Rushmore

**P**atience is a godly quality which each child of God should develop. "... O man of God . . . follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (1 Timothy 6:11). Patience in the life of a Christian is pleasing to God and contributes to personal happiness. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Colossians 1:10-11).

The development of patience often occurs by enduring unpleasant circumstances. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2-3).

One word translated "patience" literally means "abiding under"; another word translated "patience" or "longsuffering" is defined as "long tempered." Patience, then, is learning to live with inconveniences and difficult moments.

The apostle Paul taught Christians at Rome that proper reaction to life's difficulties can result in patience. Therefore, these unpleasant circumstances are not to be despised. ". . . we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience" (Romans 5:3).

Paul also taught the Thessalonians to "be patient toward all men" (1 Thessalonians 5:14). Further, patience is especially useful to the Christian as he WAITS for the return of Jesus Christ; "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:7-8).

Patience also helps the Christian successfully practice Christian living and prepares him for eternal life. "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life" (Romans 2:7).

If life's difficulties can result in building patience, and if this patience helps one better endure life and leads to eternal life, then the difficult moments in our lives might be viewed as steps to heaven. As hard as it may be sometimes, all of us need to patiently endure life as we wait for the return of Jesus Christ.

([http://www.bible-infonet.org/bin/short\\_articles/Living/Patience.htm](http://www.bible-infonet.org/bin/short_articles/Living/Patience.htm)).

## CHURCH NEWS

### PRAYER LIST

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreyse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Sandy Sarchette, and Olivia Shanks. Let us also continue to

remember Andy Shanks, Nettie B. Shirley, Dixie Stacy, and Darrell Conley in our daily prayers. Logan Shanks has to go back on the 26<sup>th</sup> for further testing. Let's keep him in our prayers. We don't have any news on Chesley Shanks. He underwent surgery on the 13<sup>th</sup> and we haven't heard anything as of yet. Delmar Backeus fell and hurt his back a couple of weeks ago and has been unable to attend. We need to remember him in our prayers. Marvin Howard, a friend of Jerry McDonald's and a preacher in Georgia, is in need of our prayers. Both he and his wife have severe health problems.

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THOSE TO SERVE May 17, 2009 A.M.	THOSE TO SERVE May 24, 2009 A.M.
Greeters.....Tex & Lois Kinman	Greeters.....Jerry & Andrea McDonald
Announcements.....Taylor Shanks	Announcements.....Thomas McDonald
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Gary Wallace
Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Opening Prayer.....David Shanks
Lord's Supper.....Andy Shanks & T. McDonald	Lord's Supper..Danny Keeney& Tex Kinman
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Gary Wallace
Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney	Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Gary Wallace
Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney
Devotional.....Thomas McDonald	Devotional.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald

### **AIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME**

The items for Fair Haven Children's Home this week are "Trash Bags," and "Paper Plates."

### **Ladies Bible Class**

The next ladies Bible class will be on Monday evening. All the ladies are invited to attend this class and participate in this study.

#### Sermons For The Next Two Weeks

May 17, 2009: A.M. lesson: "Things That Accompany Salvation." P.M. Lesson: "Things That Accompany Salvation—Conclusion."

May 24, 2009: A.M. lesson: "A Study of Implication and Silence." P.M. Lesson: "Love and Faith Toward One Another."

### **Building Cleaning**

Tonight is the night that we clean the building. All that can are encouraged to stay and help out with this chore.